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Sad Newvs from the Seas.

Being a true relation of the losse of that good Shi

called the *Merchant Royall*, which was cast away ten leagues from the Lands end, on Thursday night, being the 23. of Septemb. last, 1641. having in her a world of treasure, as this story following doth truly relate.

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THat Sayling is an art that is not to be undervalued by any, is confeſt; that Kingdomes and Countries are inriched thereby; that what other lands yeeld, this hath it by this art as well as they; that by this art gold and ſilver is conveyed unto us from the Indies, fine Silks and Sattins from another climate, ſpices and fragrant ſmels from another climate, and this by interchange, which this art benefits both Kingdomes, Nations, and Countries, and this by that famous admired art of Sailing, and brought to paſſe, now let us leave this art ſo worthy of prayſe, and looke a while on an object of ſorrow, and waile our brothers loſſes as our owne.

The Royall Merchant (or Merchant Royall) ſome foure yeares ſince ſailed out of this land as a ſhip hired here for the King of Spains imployment in the Weſt India, ſhe ſayled out in company with other ſhips, but when come into Cales the Captain was by ſome oppoſition like to be put by, and was a while diſmiſſed, ſo that giving over his hopes of the Weſt India imployment, received fraught, and from Cales ſayled into the Mediterranean unto the Iſland of Majorcke, one of the King of Spaines Iſlands: in the meane, or about the time, 8. Galleons

being bound for the West India, one of them from a small fire was whole burned downe with the water, and looſed from her cables, did her ſelfe diſcharge all her braſſe Ordnance, and burned 3. dayes and 3. nights under Pountal, moſt part of the goods were aſhore, not yet loaden aboord; in place of which Galleon this Royall Merchant was thought (as being a ſhip they might command, and of great burthen) to bee a fit veſſell to take aboord the firſt Galleons goods or loading; a Mandate from the King of Spaine commanded this Royall Merchant from her Majorck voyage to make ſayle for Cales with all expedition, and to ſtand in place of the burned Galleon, tooke aboord her goods, and ſayled with the other 7. Galleons in company into the Weſt or Spaniſh Indies: the Kings commands obey'd, they proceed, and this Engliſh ſhip caried moſt of the beſt Spaniſh governours, commanders, and gentry, whereby it redounded great benefit unto the very meaneſt of the Engliſh, both in ſayling thither, traffiquing there, and fraughted richly home with great numbers of rich paſſengers, which with rich fraught made the Engliſh a great voyage. Some dangers they paſt, but ſafely arived in Cales, where they continued afore they could prepare themſelves for England at leaſt 7. or 8. months, at end of which they diſimbogu'd for England in company of Captaine *Legend* of Dover, in the Dover Merchant, a luſty ſtout ſhip of 400. tunnes, and 28. caſt peeces of Ordnance; they ſayled together, the Royall Merchant in ſtreſſe of foule weather

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rung a leake in the bottome of the ship, so that the
ylers were forced to tend the pumpe day and
ght: Captaine *Legend* not liking Captaine *Lim-*
yes course, with joynt consent shaped another
urse some pount in variation, so that they did not
solutely part suddenly, but glide sidingly from
ch other: night came on, and foule weather, they
yed their two chaine pumps, in midst of which
our both the pumpe chaines broke at once, and
ll into the Wells, so that before they could any
y recover and mend the chaines, they had got
foot water in the hold. They labour at their
mps with great strength, but could not prevaile
er what was got in, but did keepe her in that e-
te, nor more nor lesse diminishing.

They being ouerlaboured could hardly pumpe
ore to any purpose; some of the Sea-men to the
mber of 30. got into the long boat, cut her off,
d called to the Captaine to save himselfe, he re-
sed it, and would have a Merchant, his passenger,
save himselfe, he answered hee had lived long in
aine, and with great trouble got up 10000.
und, and now would stay by it, for his life hee
lued not, the Captaine answered him it was all
e whether he went in the boate or no, for they
ere in no better estate then those left aboord,
ving in the boat no oares, masts, sailes, or any
ing to keepe the boate afar the Sea, and must
eds perish undoubtedly: being thus in despaire
ey espied a light at which they shot off 30. piece
ordnance, it prooved to bee Captaine *Legend*

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who on consideration of the Royall Merchant
distresse returned to helpe them; they observing
their danger and the ship sinking, sent forth their
long boate, which at divers times saved the men, but
durst not come neare the ship, so that the men to
save their lives were faine to sling themselves in
tackles, and so swing from the sinking ship into the
boate, who caught hold of their cloathes with their
boate hooks; the Captaine was the last, who would
not forsake her untill shee was sunke even unto her
Cook-roome ports, and then got into the boate
7. men that went downe on the lower deck, (on
orlope) to breake up a chest of gold, never came
up the ship suncke so fast on them. This ship was
700. tuns, 36. cast peeces of ordnance, 80. seamen
besides passengers, she had in her 300000. pound
in ready boloigne, 100000. pound in gold, and
as much value in Iewels, besides each mans adven-
ture, and the whole Cargason, or rich lading of the
ship, all which was sunke in the sea, nothing saved.
The Captaine on his landing repaired to his house
and family, with a hankercher about his neck, and
will not be seene or spoken with (as yet) by any
his griefe is so great: his name is Captaine *Iohn*
Limbry living neere Ratcliffe Crosse.

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